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RE: Yakima Agricultural Research Lab and Midway Landfill

Dear Carol:

With pleasure I wanted to let you know that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is considering the Department of Agriculture Yakima Agricultural Research Lab (YARL) site and the Midway Landfill site as potential candidates for deletion from the National Priority List (NPL).

While both of these NPL sites were subject to remedial action pursuant to authorities other than the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA), deletion of sites from the NPL are subject to Section 300.425(e) of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP). Guidelines implementing this section of the NCP specifies that EPA, in consultation with the state, may consider deleting sites from the NPL if EPA finds that no (further) remedial action, pursuant to CERCLA, is necessary to protect public health and the environment.

The YARL site was the subject of "clean closure" action pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The Midway Landfill site, as you know, is an NPL site that has been subject to remedial action pursuant to Model Toxics Control Act. Preliminary reviews and discussions suggest that both sites may be potential candidates for deletion from the NPL.

Candidates for deletion are subject to a technical and administrative review whereby EPA must determine that no (further) remedial action, pursuant to CERCLA, is necessary. Also, as part of the deletion process, EPA is required to obtain the state's concurrence on the proposed deletion before publishing a Federal Register notice of EPA's intent to delete a site from the NPL. EPA will solicit public comment on this notice.

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To get this process moving as quickly and efficiently as possible I have met with Tim Nord to discuss the steps that the Department of Ecology and the EPA must take to develop the support documentation required for NPL deletion. I will continue to be in contact with Mike Gallagher and Tim Nord to work on the deletion process. If you have any questions please call me at (206) 553-7151 or Lynda Priddy of my staff at (206) 553-2712.

Sincerely,

Nick Ato for

Carol Rushin

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